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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Jack C. Wybenga, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/826,668  
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING  
SECURITY AND CLASSIFICATION IN A  
MULTIPROCESSOR ROUTER  
Group No. : 2619  
Examiner : Robert C. Scheibel  
Confirmation No. : 9601

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This communication responds to a Final Office Action mailed July 9, 2008, which has a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on October 9, 2008. As this Reply is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, the Applicants request an Advisory Action.

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